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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER IMPEL.71975 U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/549385 (see 37 CFR 1.5) |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/002487 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 11 March 2004 (11.03.2004) | PRIORITY DATE 21 March 2003 (21.03.2003) |
| TITLE OF INVENTION INTRODUCTION DEVICE FOR INTRODUCING AND OBJECT INTO A VESSEL IN THE BODY | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Thorsten SIESS, et al. | | |
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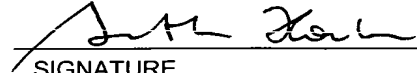
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